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were many rumors in Berlin among military personnel that according to Marshal BULGANIN's order, Soviet Army officers and civilians were to be allowed to bring their dependents from the USSR to live with them in German communities. This news was accepted by the officers with the greatest satisfaction.

2. According to the same rumors, the Marshal BULGANIN order increased the length of the tour of duty for officers with dependents in Germany from three to five years. Allegedly this was done in order to cut down on the expenses involved in transporting dependents to and from Germany.
3. The Marshal BULGANIN order which lifted the ban on dependents in the Soviet Zone was the subject of many discussions among officers in the 68th Guards Medium Tank Regiment in Berlin. Some officers who were on friendly terms with EM had freely discussed this subject with them and expressed joy at the prospect of reunion with their families. I do not believe that any of the EM were jealous of the officers being given this privilege. After all, we realized that we were serving in the Army for only three years, but that an officer was in the Army for a lifetime. That is why there was no reason to be bitter about this.

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4. [redacted] shortly after the publication of Marshal BULGANIN's order, Sr. Lt. SUSHKOV, who was the platoon leader of the first platoon [redacted] went on leave to the USSR to bring his family to Berlin. [redacted], Lt. SITAYEV, and Sr. Lt. SUSHKOV were from the same town in the USSR. Lt. SITAYEV asked Sr. Lt. SUSHKOV to bring both their families to Germany, which Sr. Lt. SUSHKOV promised to do. Both families were expected to be in Germany by about January 1954.
5. [redacted] there were rumors that Russian schools for Soviet Army dependent children would be organized in garrisons where Soviet Army units were stationed. I do not know whether the Marshal BULGANIN order, which was supposed to define this new policy, permitted Soviet dependent children to attend German schools.

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